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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN ROLE IN MIDEAST

1. FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL TOLD THE CHARGE,
DURING BRIEFING ON APRIL 20-21 EC MINISTERIAL DISCUS-

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SION AT SCHLOSS GYMNIICH (SEPTTEL), THAT THE EURO-ARAB

DIALOGUE PER SE WAS NOT DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, BOTH SCHEEL AND CALLAGHAN REPORTED TO THEIR EC COLLEAGUES THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER OF INCREASING U.S. INTEREST IN A EUROPEAN ROLE IN THE MIDEAST. BOTH MINISTERS REPORTED ON THE U.S. INTEREST IN THE FRG AND UK DOING MORE TO SUPPORT SADAT'S CONSTRUCTIVE POSITIONS.

2. VAN WELL SAID THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE UNDERSTANDING FOR THIS U.S. INTEREST IN HELPING SADAT BUT THE FRENCH, AND PARTICULARLY JOBERT, AGAIN INDICATED PROFOUND BITTERNESS THAT FRANCE HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM MIDEAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. AT GYMnich, JOBERT POSED THE RHETORICAL QUESTION OF HOW EUROPE COULD HELP SADAT WHEN THE EUROPEANS HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM GENEVA. VAN WELL SAID HE WELL REMEMBERS JOBERT'S REPEATED STATEMENTS AT THE PRIVATE QUADRIPARTITE DINNER LAST DECEMBER; - "YOU PUSHED US OUT." VAN WELL SAID HE BELIEVED THE FRENCH, WHO HAD PLAYED A ROLE IN THE LEVANT FOR SO LONG, HAD A GENUINE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM HERE WHICH SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN SOME WAY.

3. VAN WELL SAID THE NEXT STEPS IN THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANALYSIS OF BRANDT'S VISITS TO ALGIERS AND CAIRO. HE NOTED BRANDT'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN CAIRO AND ALGIERS THAT THE "ORGANIZED DIALOGUE" BETWEEN THE EC AND THE ARABS WILL BEGIN IN THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR BUT THAT THERE IS STILL NO CLEAR PICTURE AS TO WHAT THE FORM AND CONTENTS OF THAT DIALOGUE WILL BE. THE CHANCELLOR ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT WISH TO COMMENT AT THIS TIME OVER THE POSSIBLE "STEPS" OF THE DIALOGUE AS ONE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON PRACTICAL QUESTIONS.

4. VAN WELL ALSO INTENDED TO RECOMMEND TO SCHEEL AND FRANK THAT THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE NOT BE RESUMED BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE MIDEAST ARE KNOWN. ACCORDINGLY, HE SAID THE GERMANS WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO LEARN THE RESULTS OF THE

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